

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A developing device 4 includes a developing roller 10 that faces a drum 1, a supplying roller 11 that supplies the toner to the developing roller 10, and a toner container 15 for storing the toner. A toner layer forming roller 12 contacts the developing roller 10 and rotates in the same direction as the developing roller 10. A part of the toner is transferred from the developing roller 10 to the peripheral surface of the toner layer forming roller 12 to form a toner layer. The thickness of the toner layer on the toner layer forming roller 12 is regulated by a blade 13. According to the rotation of the toner layer forming roller 12, the toner layer is carried outside the toner container 15, where the toner layer is transferred to the peripheral surface of the developing roller 10.